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1. WE HAVE SPOKEN TO KANELLOPOULOS SEVERAL TIMES AS HE PREPARES TO DEPART ON HIS IV PROGRAM. IN THESE CONVERSATIONS HE HAS GIVEN US SOME GREATER DETAIL AND A FEW ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS FOR HIS STAY IN THE UNITED STATES. THESE ARE PROVIDED BELOW.

2. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT REASONS WE NOMINATED KANELLOPOULOS FOR AN IV GRANT WAS OUR BELIEF HE HAS THE POTENTIAL FOR BEING ONE OF OUR MOST IMPORTANT AND INFLUENTIAL GRANTEES IN RECENT YEARS. OUR CONVERSATIONS IN RECENT WEEKS HAVE CONFIRMED THIS. A LEADING INTELLECTUAL AND A NEWSPAPER COLUMNIST, KANELLOPOULOS, THROUGH HIS BOOKS, HIS SPEECHES, HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE LEADERSHIP OF THE UNION OF THE DEMOCRATIC CENTER (HE TAKES CREDIT FOR WRITING THE UDC'S PROGRAM AND IS THE PARTY'S PRINCIPAL THEORETICIAN), AND HIS NEWSPAPER COLUMN IN THE INFLUENTIAL ATHENS DAILY TO VIMA (TO WHICH HE ALSO CONTRIBUTES EDITORIALS ON OCCASION), PLAYS A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN ESTABLISHING THE IDEAS AND THE OPINIONS OF MANY GREEKS, INCLUDING THE GREEK CENTER LEFT. IN ADDITION, KANELLOPOULOS NOW TELLS US THAT HE HOPES TO USE THE TRIP TO DEVELOP MATERIALS FOR COLUMNS IN TO VIMA ON HIS RETURN. WE BELIEVE THESE WILL BE
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READ AND WILL HAVE AN IMPORTANT IMPACT. AND OVER THE

LONGER RUN THE IMPRESSIONS AND IDEAS HE RETURNS WITH FROM THE UNITED STATES WILL, THROUGH HIS INFLUENCE, HELP SHAPE THE VIEWS MANY MORE GREEKS HAVE OF OUR SOCIETY AND ITS PURPOSES AT HOME AND ABROAD.

3. THUS, HE IS NOT SIMPLY A GREEK DEPUTY BUT A VERY SPECIAL ONE AND WE CANNOT RECOMMEND TOO STRONGLY THAT HE BE GIVEN SPECIAL ATTENTION. THE IV PROGRAM NORMALLY DOES A FINE JOB IN FOCUSSED THE VISITOR'S ACTIVITIES ON HIS INTERESTS. IN THIS CASE, WE HOPE THAT KANELLOPOULOS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A PROGRAM WHICH IS NOT ONLY FOCUSSED BUT ALSO WILL GIVE HIM ACCESS IN WASHINGTON TO PROMINENT POLICY MAKERS IN THE EXECUTIVE AND IN THE CONGRESS AND THAT IN HIS TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF WASHINGTON ATTEMPTS BE MADE TO PUT HIM IN CONTACT WITH MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE DISTINGUISHED BOTH BY THEIR POSITIONS AND BY THEIR EXCELLENCE. IF A SPECIAL EFFORT IS MADE IN KANELLOPOULOS' PROGRAM, THE REWARDS TO U.S. OBJECTIVES IN GREECE MAY BE LARGE INDEED.

4. KANELLOPOULOS IS EXTREMELY BRIGHT AND FULL OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE UNITED STATES. PARTICULARLY IN MATTERS OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY, HIS INFORMATION IS OFTEN EITHER SKEWED OR WRONG, SO WHILE HIS LOGIC IS USUALLY FAULTLESS, HIS WRONG PREMISES LEAD HIM TO WRONG CONCLUSIONS. MOREOVER, ON U.S. POLICY TOWARD GREECE WITH RESPECT TO CYPRUS AND THE AEGEAN DISPUTE WITH TURKEY, KANELLOPOULOS HAS BEEN QUITE CRITICAL, THOUGH NOT UNFRIENDLY. WE WOULD LIKE THE TRIP TO BE USED TO AT LEAST SHAKE SOME OF HIS PREMISES - PARTICULARLY THOSE HE HOLDS ON U.S.-GREEK RELATIONS. HIS VIEWS IN THIS AREA ARE A CATALOGUE OF U.S. SINS AGAINST GREECE. THROUGH THEY ARE FAIRLY TYPICAL FOR A GREEK INTELLECTUAL, THEY MAY SEEM ALMOST PARANOIC TO AN AMERICAN. BUT BECAUSE THEY ARE TYPICAL, AND THIS IS A MAN WHO HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THEM, WE BELIEVE THE ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE TO EDUCATE HIM, ESPECIALLY SINCE, IF WE SUCCEED, HE IS IN A POSITION TO SPREAD THE WORD.

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5. THE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FOR THIS VISIT IN REFTTEL REMAIN VALID. BUT KANELLOPOULOS HAS EMPHASIZED TO US HIS HOPE THAT HIS PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE CONTACT WITH PROMINENT POLITICAL FIGURES AND RESPONSIBLE

GOVERNMENT OFFICERS. HE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO OBSERVE THE ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF AN "INFLUENTIAL" NEWSPAPER (HE SUGGESTS THE WASHINGTON POST) AND MEET WITH PROMINENT COLUMNISTS AND EDITORIALISTS. HE ALSO REQUESTS A VISIT TO ONE OF OUR TOP SCHOOLS OF ECONOMICS, MENTIONING HARVARD AND BERKELEY AS EXAMPLES.

6. ONE ISSUE THAT PRESENTLY INTERESTS KANELLOPOULOS IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SCIENCE AND POLITICS AND BETWEEN SCIENCE AND PUBLIC POLICY. HE BELIEVES THE U.S. CONGRESS HAS ESTABLISHED SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR DEALING WITH THIS AREA AND WOULD LIKE TO OBSERVE THEM. WE ALSO SUGGEST THAT HIS PROGRAM USE THIS INTEREST TO EXPOSE HIM TO BROADER ASPECTS IN PARTICIPATORY INTEREST GROUP POLITICS IN THE UNITED STATES. THE DEBATE ON THE NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS WOULD SEEM A GOOD ROAD TOWARDS THIS GOAL, AND ONE WHICH WOULD INCLUDE EXPOSURE TO CITIZEN/SCIENTIST ALLIANCES ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS ISSUE. KANELLOPOULOS ALSO REQUESTS THAT HE MEET WITH THE OFFICERS OF WHAT HE DESCRIBES AS AN "ORGANIZATION OF GREEK-AMERICAN SCIENTISTS" WHICH HE BELIEVES IS LOCATED IN BOSTON (THE DEPARTMENT MAY BE FAMILIAR WITH THE GROUP HE HAS IN MIND, THE EMBASSY IS NOT).

7. KANELLOPOULOS HAS TWO REQUESTS RELATED TO PERSONAL RATHER THAN PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS. THE FIRST, THAT THE DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT FOR A CHECK UP BY A LEADING CARDIOLOGIST IN THE BOSTON AREA, SUGGESTING DR. ROMAN DE SANCTIS AS AN EXAMPLE. (KANELLOPOULOS WILL, OF COURSE PAY FOR THE CARDIOLOGIST'S PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.) SECONDLY, HE WOULD LIKE MIAMI, FLORIDA, TO BE INCLUDED IN HIS TRAVELS SINCE HE HAS RELATIVES IN CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT AREA WHOM HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE.

8. KANELLOPOULOS HAS INFORMED US THAT ANOTHER COUPLE, MR. AND MRS. ANASTASIOS KALAMBOKIS WILL BE TRAVELING WITH HIM AND HIS WIFE. KANELLOPOULOS UNDERSTANDS, OF COURSE, THAT HIS PROGRAM IS FOR HIM ALONE, BUT ASKS THAT THE DEPARTMENT RESERVE A DOUBLE FOR THE KALAMBOKIS IN THE SAME HOTELS IN WHICH HE AND MRS. KANELLOPOULOS WILL BE STAYING.

9. KANELLOPOULOS WILL REMAIN IN THE UNITED STATES AT LEAST UNTIL SEPTEMBER 23 (REFTEL)
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